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SUBJECT: US-UGANDAN/FRG-UGANDAN RELATIONS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON APRIL 19, UGANDAN
AMBASSADOR TO FRG, BERNADETTE OLOWO, MADE FOLLOWING
POINTS RE US-UGANDAN RELATIONS:

A. SETTLEMENT OF ENGEL CLAIM SHOULD OPEN WAY FOR
RESUMPTION OF US PRESENCE IN UGANDA;

B. UGANDA ONLY EXPECTS A "SKELETON FORCE" OF
US OFFICIALS TO BE RETURNED TO KAMPALA IN THE FORESEE-
ABLE FUTURE;

C. UGANDA WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE PRESENCE OF
MARINE GUARDS AT US EMBASS KAMPALA AS LONG AS THEY
"BEHAVED THEMSELVES";

D. THE US SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT GROWING
SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFRICA. REFERRING TO RECENT SOVIET
WEAPONS DELIVERIES TO UGANDA, AMBASSADOR OLOWO STATED
THAT SOVIET MILITARY INFLUENCE IN AFRICA "STRETCHES
UNINTERRUPTED" FROM CAIRO TO KAMPALA, CREATING A
POTENTIALLY "DECISIVE FACTOR" WERE HOSTILITIES TO
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2. TURNING TO THE FRG, AMBASSADOR OLOWO STATED THAT FRG-UGANDAN RELATIONS WERE GENERALLY VERY GOOD, ALTHOUGH THE FRG PRESS FREQUENTLY CARRIED DISTORTED ARTICLES ABOUT UGANDA AND PRESIDENT AMIN. OLOWO ADDED THAT THE GOU WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN STIMULATING FRG INVESTMENT IN UGANDA, BUT THE FRG HAD NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THIS FIELD. IN FACT, OLOWO CONTINUED, SHE HAD JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO RETURN TO KAMPALA ON APRIL 26 FOR A WEEK OF CONSULTATIONS FOCUSING ON FRG INVESTMENT IN UGANDA. IN THIS CONNECTION, SHE OPINED, PRESIDENT AMIN WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE LAKE KATWE SALT EXTRACTION PLANT PROJECT, WHICH THE FRG AGREED TO HELP FINANCE IN CONTRACTS SIGNED LAST DECEMBER. OLOWO HOPED TO BE ABLE TO BRING AMIN "GOOD NEWS" RE THE LAKE KATWE PROJECT BECAUSE, TO DATE, THE GOU HAD YET TO RECEIVE ANY OF THE FUNDS OUTLINED IN THE DECEMBER AGREEMENT.
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